

January 21, 2026

The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2438 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2438 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

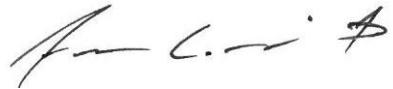
HB 2438 would restrict registering to vote online to websites that use the “.gov” domain as part of the website’s uniform resource locator or if the website has been approved to accept and transmit electronic voter registration applications by the Secretary of State. County election officials could not accept electronic voter registration applications from websites that have not been approved by the Secretary of State. The bill lists the criteria to be used by the Secretary of State to approve a website to accept and transmit electronic voter registration applications. The Secretary of State would be required to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to update training materials for local election officials and update educational and promotional materials for the public regarding the provisions of HB 2438. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2438 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor’s Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that counties that do not currently meet the requirements for having a “.gov” domain would incur additional costs for upgrades to its technology as well as the costs associated with maintenance. However, the Association is unable

to estimate the precise fiscal effect HB 2438 would have on counties. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates HB 2438 would not have a fiscal effect on cities.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jennifer Cook, Office of the Secretary of State
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
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